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political secretaries of the pro-Cominform (Vidali) Communist Party. ██████████

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1. Korea: Communists in Korea, who lack the fundamentals of a true Communist education, have asked in recent times why the Soviet Union has not intervened in the conflict as have the United States and Great Britain. The question can best be explained by exposing the infiltration and subversive activity of the United States and British intelligence service personnel in the Korean Communist Party. The British and Americans are only too anxious to have the Soviet Union become directly involved in Korea, but under no circumstances will the Soviet Union intervene even if the Anglo-Americans go beyond the 38th parallel. The USSR will extend moral and other kinds of aid but will not take direct part in the war.
2. Trieste: The Prefect of Trieste, Gino Palutan, and all the right-wing parties are in favor of the Yugoslav proposal that a tripartite commission be set up in Trieste composed of United States, British and Yugoslav representatives. Palutan has requested the leaders of the right-wing parties to try to convince all those interested that it would be a just solution.
3. At the very last moment, Tito decided that he was not satisfied with this solution. The reason for his move is that he now has a new and strong card in his hand. He also still cherishes the hope that Trieste will be annexed by Yugoslavia. Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, recently made a speech in Rome requesting that an end be put to the talk on the Italian aspect of Trieste and Istria. Tito would like to make the most of this declaration.
4. It is the duty of pro-Cominform Communists in Trieste to demand that a motion be made at the United Nations assembly to make Trieste an open city. They also should demand the enforcement of the Peace Treaty, and protest against war provocation and international intrigue in Trieste.

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5. The Demo-Christian, Republican and Socialist Parties have united to demand that Trieste be made an open city. These Parties have also adopted the Party line on the Workers' Cooperatives. The Movimento Socialista Italiano (MSI) and the Demo-Christian Party are at odds over the Trieste question, and the MSI has declared that it helped the Demo-Christians to power and now the latter should do everything to prevent De Gasperi from selling out the MSI to Tito.
6. Workers' Cooperatives: Local Italian reactionaries have begun to attack the clique of monopolizers at the head of the Workers' Cooperatives (Cooperative Operaie). The Party had taken the initiative, and when the imperialists became aware of it, they turned to the Sindacati Unici in order to prevent the workers' movement from becoming involved.
7. The right-wing parties, the Demo-Christian and MSI in particular, do not agree on the Workers' Cooperatives and their dissension is working in favor of the Communist Party.
8. Party Buildings: The reactionaries have evolved a plan to deprive the Party of its headquarters, the workers' headquarters and the buildings of Party mass organizations. The Party should encourage the people to support the plan to build a new and real Casa del Popolo in the center of town. The construction of a real headquarters building for the Trieste Communist Party is of prime importance.

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